

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
APRIL 27, 2001**

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, April 27, 2001, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 507 of the Paul B. Johnson Tower of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Yvonne Brown, Brenda Collins, Sara Fox, Joanna Heidel, Veldore Heidelberg, Henry Hudspeth, John Junkin, Jimmy Murphy, George Walker, and Lawrence Warren.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Eloise Richardson, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Evelyn Webb, and Frankie Walton White.

Guests in attendance: Dr. Starkey Morgan, president of Holmes Community College; Starkey A. Morgan, Jr.; Dr. Bill Smith, Institutions of Higher Learning; and William Martin, Mississippi State Department of Education.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman George Walker called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

Yvonne Brown gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes of the January 25, March 22, and 23, 2001, Board Meetings

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Veldore Heidelberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 25, March 22, and 23, 2001, meetings.

Review and Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by Veldore Heidelberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Walker welcomed all guests present.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS- Oath of Office

Sandra Lucas administered the Oath of Office to Veldore Heidelberg, Jimmy Murphy, and Lawrence Warren.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray stated that SBCJC staff had identified major goals for the next year.

1. Off campus funding and revising guidelines for calculating funding for Mississippi Virtual Community College (MSVCC) students,
2. Developing on-line workforce training classes,
3. Developing training programs for "cluster groups", and
4. Developing and implementing electronic enrollment audit procedures.

Dr. Ray reported that at the request of Dr. Starkey Morgan, a copy of the MACJC meeting minutes would be provided with the SBCJC meeting announcement, agenda, and minutes each month. He also reported on a request received by the college presidents from the PEER committee for information on scholarship information for the past three years.

Dr. Ray distributed copies of a Clarion Ledger newspaper article entitled "Jucos add in-state recruiting, cut out-of-state numbers" (Exhibit A).

Dr. Ray distributed copies of the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning's Report on Continuing Education entitled "*Mississippi Adult Workers as Lifelong Learners*" (Exhibit B). Dr. Ray recommended that the SBCJC officially request IHL Board discuss the plan with SBCJC in an effort to coordinate with the community and junior colleges to prevent duplication of services. After a discussion, a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Jimmy Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to ask Dr. Ray to write a letter to Dr. Layzell, expressing concern that this action might create a duplication of services.

Dr. Ray distributed a copy of a tentative itinerary for the May SBCJC Board meeting that will be held at Coahoma Community College on May 25, 2001.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC Report

Dr. Starkey Morgan reported on a Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges' (MACJC) Special Athletic Meeting held at Eagle Ridge Conference Center on April 24, 2001. Dr. Morgan had appointed a committee of presidents to review the current Handbook to clarify issues and bring forth recommendations for action by the Association. The MACJC Handbook Study Committee members were: Dr. Howell Garner, Chairman, Dr. William Lewis, Dr. Charles Chance, Dr. Tommy Davis, Dr. Scott Elliott, and Dr. Randall Bradberry. During the special meeting the Association passed several cost savings items related to athletics, including a reduction in the number of out-of-state scholarships

John Junkin asked that Dr. Ray write a letter to former SBCJC member Billy Seal informing him of the Association's action. Mr. Seal, during his tenure on the Board, was instrumental in bringing the issue of out-of-state scholarships to the table for discussion.

Dr. Morgan discussed the MACJC legislative planning workshop scheduled for June in Tunica.

Dr. Olon Ray distributed copies of correspondence from Jimmy Robertson and gave a brief update on the IHL-USM Gulf Park Lawsuit (Exhibit C).

EdNet Report

Yvonne Brown reported on agenda items discussed during the April 16, 2001, regular EdNet Board meeting. It was reported that during that meeting Martin Mangold, EdNet President, reported that EdNet will continue to monitor the status of the FCC's 3G Request for Rule Making. Both the private sector and ITFS licensees including EdNet, have filed all comments and input. A report is being prepared by commission staff and will be reviewed by the FCC for a final ruling. The FCC recently moved to a new updated database that contains all licenses including ITFS and problems encountered during this move are being worked out.

EdNet is still without a WorldCom contact. Any communication with WorldCom is being made through EdNet counsel, Sam Keys. WorldCom has withdrawn all previous settlement offers. Mr. Mangold has sent a letter requesting assistance in developing a database or receive sites providing details on location, status, and use; however, no response has been received.

Mrs. Brown reported that the monthly royalty check from WorldCom has not been received. She also stated that Representative Charles Young and Senator Terry Burton had both introduced bills to support Mississippi's ITFS spectrum, but both bills died.

Also at the EdNet meeting, Mr. Jesse Murphree, Development Director for EdNet, reported on four grant proposals that are being pursued: a School Safety Research Grant that would provide training of Navy Resource Officers; an Equipment Grant/Server for EdNet's Streaming Server; an Upgrade Grant/Cameras and Editing Equipment for upgrading EdNet's equipment; and a Learning Anytime Anywhere Partnership (LAAP) Grant.

Bill Marshall, EdNet Public Relations Director, reported on the 3G/FCC spectrum review. The FCC in a March 30, 2001, report recognized the value of ITFS licenses and the disruption that would occur if they were forced to move. A final determination from the FCC Commissioners will be made in July. He also stated that EdNet is working to gain specific information as to the location of the Wireless One cable drop within each school, and whether or not each installation is in good working order. The Mississippi State Tax Commission has granted EdNet's request for an exemption for state sales tax. He also reported that current research is being conducted to determine the cost and feasibility of providing streaming video via the EdNet web site.

Finance Report

Sara Fox presented the items listed on the Finance Committee agenda for action.

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 30, 2001, Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Fund 4080 and Fund 4100, in the total amount of \$2,276,847 (Exhibit D).

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by Jimmy Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Z-1 Budget Form For Additional Appropriation funding for FY 2001 for Support – Insurance Carryover in the amount of \$175,600, (Exhibit E) and Administration – Workforce Carryover in the amount of \$827,000 (Exhibit F).

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by Yvonne Brown, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of six mobile classroom/labs from Modular Technologies, Inc., at a total cost of \$97,182.00 (Exhibit G).

Dr. Larry Day presented the Quarterly Capital Improvements Report for the Board's review (Exhibit H). No action was required.

Also, Mrs. Fox presented financial statements for Funds 2291, 3291, and 4300 as of March 31, 2001 (Exhibit I).

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert requested that the Board begin to think of items they would like to incorporate into the FY 2003 budget request.

Program Committee

Upon a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request to expand the Engineering Technology program at Holmes Community College's Ridgeland Campus.

Upon a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by Jimmy Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request from Hinds Community College to offer Associate Degree Programs in Irrigation Management and Turf Equipment Management.

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher distributed copies of the rules and regulations for scholarships that will be awarded by the Nissan Company (Exhibit J). The program will be administered by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning's Office of Student Financial Aid.

He also provided a book containing copies of bills that passed during the 2001 Legislative Session related to community and junior colleges. A copy of the document is on file in the SBCJC office.

Workforce Education

George Walker reported on items discussed at the April State Workforce Development Council (SWDC) meeting. Ms. Lenita Jacobs-Simmons, Deputy Assistant Director of the U. S. Department of Labor and Ms. Anna Goddard, Regional Administrator for the Atlanta Office of the U. S. Department of Labor, attended the meeting. Ms. Jacobs-Simmons addressed the SWDC regarding ways of securing federal funding for workforce training in Mississippi. During her presentation she focused on the relationship of workforce development and economic development.

GED Report

Eloise Richardson gave an update on the activities of the GED Office. She stated that teacher training is being conducted to assist teachers in preparation for instruction for the new GED test. January 2002 will be the effective date of the new GED 2002 test. The last week in September will be the final GED testing for first time testers on the entire battery. October and November will be designated as retest months.

July Board Meeting Change

Upon a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Joanna Heidel, the Board voted unanimously to hold the July meeting at 9:00 a.m., on July 13, 2001, at the Beau Rivage Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi, in connection with the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Trustees Meeting.

ACCT Membership Renewal

Upon a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Veldore Heidelberg, the Board voted to pay dues for memberships in the Association of Community College Trustees. **Motion passed 7 – 3.** Voting Yes-Heidelberg, Collins, Brown, Hudspeth, Warren, Murphy, and Walker. Voting No-Junkin, Heidel, and Fox.

Mississippi Higher Education Assistance Corporation (MHEAC) Appointment

Upon a motion by Lawrence Warren, and a second by Yvonne Brown, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Clyde Muse to the Mississippi Higher Education Assistance Corporation (MHEAC).

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Walker asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by Lawrence Warren, and a second by Jimmy Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement of travel expenses for the following:

Brenda Collins and Henry Hudspeth for attending the Governor's Conference on Workforce in Jackson on April 23, 2001.

Joanna Heidel for speaking to a group at the Vicksburg Center of Hinds Community College on April 24, 2001.

George Walker for attending SWDC meetings in Jackson on April 11, and May 9, 2001, a meeting of business leaders at Copiah-Lincoln Community College on April 10, the Governor's Workforce Conference in Jackson on April 23, and a Federal Workforce meeting on May 8, 2001.

Election of Officers

Mr. Walker opened the floor for nominations for SBCJC officers for the year beginning July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

Upon a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Veldore Heidelberg, the Board voted unanimously to re-elect George Walker SBCJC Chairman.

Upon a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to elect Henry Hudspeth SBCJC Vice- Chairman.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, Mr. Walker reminded the Board that the May meeting would be held at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Mississippi and urged all members to attend.

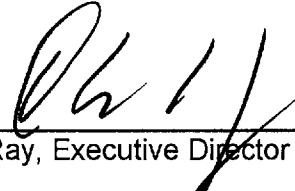
Lawrence Warren asked that the Board consider eliminating the Thursday evening monthly meetings and consider all Board agenda items during the Friday morning meetings.

Veldore Heidelberg suggested that the SBCJC consider holding the September 2001 Board meeting at Meridian Community College.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Joanna Heidel, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.


George Walker, Chairman


Olon E. Ray, Executive Director